

JANUARY 10, 2007 MINUTES OF THE MANVILLE BOARD OF FIRE WARDENS

MONTHLY MEETING

Attendance:

Chief Peter Adam, Peter Fucci, Daniel Rageotte, Paul Armstrong, Paul McKeon, Ronald McKenna, Angel Desmarais

*** Paul Comiré is on vacation for a month in N.C.**

Chairman, Peter Fucci opened the meeting at 7:10 pm

Reading Minutes of the Last Meeting:

*** Note Paul Armstrong abstains from any vote concerning garage purchases. ie: gas and repair.**

Motion to forgo reading of last meeting minutes

1st Paul McKeon 2nd Paul Armstrong

All in favor

Tax Collector Report:

Statement: (Ronald McKenna) There have been 230 delinquent notices sent; 21 have paid. There are a lot of unhappy people with regard to the interest; a delinquent taxpayer has threatened a law suit over the \$40 delinquent fee; if this should progress to court R.

McKenna will provide the court with the law outlining the fee accrument.

Question: (Paul Armstrong) Is the town using the same mailing address for the individual threatening suit?

Answer: (Ronald McKenna) This is his 2nd notice and yes this is the same address the town is using.

Motion to Accept

1st Daniel Rageotte 2nd Paul McKeon

All in Favor

Treasurer Report:

Statement: (Ronald McKenna) Regarding Item 6888 Tax Returned; a taxpayer paid the bill twice. And item 6901 is Leo.

Statement: (Ronald McKenna) R. McKenna will be meeting with Fountaine tomorrow (1/11/07) to review the reports, and to see if this C.P.A. will be interested in overseeing reports.

(*R. McKenna left meeting 7:25pm)

Motion to Accept

1st Daniel Rageotte 2nd Paul Armstrong

All in Favor

Correspondence:

No Correspondence

Chief Peter Adam's Report:

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) Chief Peter Adam has submitted his choice for Deputy Chief; Danny Desmarais. (Resume has been submitted for the Board Members to verify his qualifications for the position.) This item will be voted on in with New Business.

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) Engine one is Out of Service. The loaner truck was provided at no cost by the Smithfield Fire Department via Danny Desmarais and Chief Mollo.

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) Ladder one is to be inspected in order to get estimates for repair.

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) The promotion process will begin for a new Lieutenant.

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) One of the members was involved in an accident while going to a call; a dollar amount for the claim will be assessed.

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) There are two new members.

Question: (Daniel Rageotte) What is the attendance up to?

Answer: (Chief Peter Adam) We lost one member, and gained 2 so we are at approximately 28 members.

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) A new base radio has been installed with new speakers throughout the station.

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) An electrician is to address the violation with regard to the way the generator plug was set up. The cost to the repair will be \$1400.

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) Cox was apparently given the wrong information and will be coming back on 1/12/07.

Question: (Paul McKeon) What is Danny Desmarais now prior to this promotion?

Answer: (Chief Peter Adam) Lieutenant. There were only two qualified people up for the promotion; Danny Desmarais and Scott Klein. Dan is a career firefighter and Scott is a career police officer of North Kingston 3rd shift.

Question: (Paul Armstrong) How is it going over?

Answer: (Chief Peter Adam) Okay. This has not been addressed with the men yet, it's only official now.

Question: (Paul McKeon) Do we pick him?

Answer: (Paul Armstrong) We choose Chief, we vote on Chief's choice for Deputy.

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) After talking with the men, they preferred (as I do) to choose internally. They knew who the choices would be between. However, there was a threat, that if a certain someone was chosen they would walk. I told him that they would have to trust in my decision and if this was their feeling than I wished them good luck elsewhere; that this department would not be run like

that. That we cannot go backwards.

Statement: (Daniel Rageotte) They've tried that with all promotions. You can't back down to those threats.

Statement: (Daniel Rageotte) With regards to the Ladder it must pass the stress test.

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) No one wants to put their name to a thirty year old ladder.

Question: (Paul McKeon) Regarding Engine one, are they maintenance issues?

Answer: (Chief Peter Adam) Well there was improper repair, and lack of repair. The battery was not installed correctly; the charging system that was installed was the wrong one; that will be repaired. There will be tire changes with brake repair because the tires were inverted (which should have never been done)

Question: (Paul Armstrong) This raises concern because if this happened to Engine One will this happen to Engine two when dealing with that company for warranty issues? What is the Warranty?

Answer: (Chief Peter Adam) The length and terms of the warranty will have to be looked into, what I can tell you is that all warranty issues go there but all other repair will go to American LaFrance. I did get a call from the other company, they were upset because the truck wasn't going there for repair, the list of problems was read to them. Another problem was a hole in the muffler causing dirt to by-pass the filter and go directly into the engine. They wanted a second chance; I

explained that this wasn't personal that this was business based on the information in front of us. The items are maintenance issues which weren't addressed; the prior administration was working on the truck for that company, so blame can't be pinned on any one party because we don't know what happened with the prior administration.

Question: (Paul Armstrong) Is the town in tough shape with the ladder?

Answer: (Chief Peter Adam) Yes, there will be a ladder coming but with a delay from the South end of town.

Question: (Paul Armstrong) Will Woonsocket be called?

Answer: (Chief Peter Adam) Yes, if needed. But, we have a ladder coming with a delay. Albion's ladder won't be gone long; they won't be without a ladder.

Motion to Accept

1st Paul McKeon 2nd Daniel Rageotte

All in Favor

Unfinished/Old Business:

1. (Paul Armstrong) Manville Ave is a commercial property

Question: (Chief Peter Adam) Is it on the market?

Answer: (Peter Fucci) We have to vote on it today.

2. (Paul Armstrong) Radio box poles are gone.

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) Poles are gone, given as scrap and the

sidewalks are paved. There are 5 still out there; they will be taken care of in the spring because they are located on lawns. The old boxes have been offered to members.

3. (Daniel Rageotte) The Boy Scout breakfast was approved, \$20 out of Wardens expense, get receipt and ticket March 4th.

4. Regarding the plaque

Question: (Paul McKeon) Is it done:

Answer: (Daniel Rageotte) I'm still looking for a business.

Statement: (Paul McKeon) There is a trophy place in Woonsocket.

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) B&M Printing, we have an account with them, they have plaques put them on the account.

Question: (Daniel Rageotte) One for Domenic?

Answer: (Chief Peter Adam) Yes, 23 years.

Question: (Daniel Rageotte) Should I get brochures for us to choose from?

Answer: (Peter Fucci) We put it in your hands; we voted on it a few meetings ago.

Statement: (Daniel Rageotte) I'll go to B&M and see what they have.

5. Miscellaneous income from Limerock

Question: (Paul Armstrong) Is the miscellaneous money from Limerock a kick-back?

Answer: (Chief Peter Adam) It looks that way, businesses are told to buy boxes from a particular vendor who charges more money than

other vendors; the department gets money back for the referral to this particular vendor.

Motion to refuse Limerock checks. (Peter Fucci)

Question: (Paul Armstrong) How do we deal with this?

Answer: (Peter Fucci) Wait until after the Town Chiefs' Meeting.

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) I have to find out if it is really a kick-back. And why does it cost more in Lincoln?

Statement: (Paul Armstrong) Wait until after the meeting, and leave it up to Peter.

6. Manville Ave Property

Statement: (Peter Fucci) Peter Fucci met with a real estate agent regarding the asking price for the Manville Ave property, it should be \$160,000, and the real estate agents commission for a commercial property is 10-15%. (note this real estate agent is from Mass.)

Statement: (Paul Armstrong) The commission percent is too high; it should be between 5-6%

Comment: (Peter Fucci) That figure is based on residential commissions.

Question: (Paul McKeon) Have you asked other realtors?

Answer: (Peter Fucci) Yes.

Statement: (Paul Armstrong) will do more shopping around for quotes.

Statement: (Peter Fucci) I'm looking to sell the property by spring.

Comment: (Paul McKeon) That's too fast. With the zoning issues this would be to our benefit, more money is received for commercial not

residential. It would be better if we went slower. A few people are interested in this property already.

Comment: (Peter Fucci) Then get these people talking.

Statement: (Daniel Rageotte) A price must set for the property first.

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) If you're not sure if you want to use a real estate agent, you'll need to contact a legal attorney before it's sold.

Question: (Paul Armstrong) Do we want to give it to a real estate agent or give 1st crack to these independent people in town?

Statement: (Peter Fucci) The building needs to be reassessed (it was last done 3 years ago). I want to see the process started with in the next week or two, time is money.

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) The people needed to sell the property without a real estate agent (attorney, assessor...) are going to increase the amount of money paid out which may exceed the realtors original commission fee.

Comment: (Peter Fucci) The costs would be significant amount of money because commercial properties cost more. If we were to sell the properties ourselves we would have to hire lawyers and appraisers.

Statement: Phone calls will be made by Daniel Rageotte and Paul Armstrong to several realtors to find out percentage of commission. The plan will be: 1. 'Feelers' will be put out for serious buyers willing to consider the original \$160,000 asking price. 2. Calls will be made to several realtors for competitive percentage commission.

New Business:

Items to be voted on/addressed:

- 1. Violation with regard to the way the generator plug was set up. The cost to the repair will be \$1400.**
- 2. Vote on the Deputy Chief position**

Issue 1.

Question: (Chief Peter Adam) In theory, could I have had this repaired without addressing the board members first?

Answer: (Peter Fucci) Yes.

Statement: (Paul Armstrong) An electrician installed that last year, was it in violation then? Who is responsible for the bill?

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) It was in violation, if Forget did work on the plug/box he should've brought up the violation as this new electrician did.

Question: (Paul Armstrong) Who installed the outside plug?

Answer: (Daniel Rageotte) That must be looked into.

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) If it wasn't him then he should've pointed it out.

Comment: (Paul McKeon) Codes change.

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) It's wrong now, it was wrong then. It's dangerous, someone could be electrocuted.

Question: (Peter Fucci) Should it be him who fixes it? If he says no then what?

Statement: (Paul Armstrong) We should give him the option to correct

the problem, so that we can go to the taxpayers.

Statement: (Peter Fucci) It's our liability to correct it because we are now aware of the problem; we have an electrician coming tomorrow.

Statement: (Paul Armstrong) We should give the man the opportunity to correct the problem.

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) I bear the responsibility. This has to be corrected quickly.

Statement: (Peter Fucci) Call Ray tomorrow to fix the problem, if we get no response within 24 hours then get the other electrician to fix the problem.

Question: (Chief Peter Adam) Is the price set, when I call Ray?

Statement: (Paul McKeon) Find out if he did it.

Question: (Paul Armstrong) Was it installed improperly?

Statement: (Peter Fucci) If he did it wrong then he should eat the cost.

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) I want specific criteria for how to handle Ray.

Statement: (Peter Fucci) If Ray won't eat the entire cost then go with other electrician.

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) I will give him the option. It's semantics of whether he installed it or if he ignored the violation. He is still liable for the shotty workmanship.

Statement: (Paul Armstrong) After that we have the option of going the legal route for the bill; read findings to Ray and record transaction.

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) If we get to that point then a certified letter should be sent. The right way is to call first, then send a

certified letter regarding what was discussed during the phone conversation.

Issue 2.

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) I want to hold off telling anyone until Monday when I address the men.

Motion to accept Danny Desmarais for Deputy Chief*

1st Paul Armstrong 2nd Daniel Rageotte

All in favor

***There will be a 6 month probationary period.**

Payment of Bills:

Income:

Question: (Paul McKeon) Who has the long distance; it costs more to mail the bill?

Answer: (Chief Peter Adam) There is no long distance carrier with this current bill; the next bill will be only cox.

Motion to Accept

1st Paul McKeon 2nd Paul Armstrong

Bills:

Question: Regarding Deputy Danny Desmarais' nextell, what's the exact cost we will allot to Dan for the phone?

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) Average of the old Deputy

Statement: (Daniel Rageotte) Give between \$42-50 going by Fire Prevention Officers' phone and the Chiefs' phone.

Statement: (Peter Fucci) Make sure it's a separate check not salary.

Statement: (Paul McKeon) Talk with Ronald McKenna

Statement: (Peter Fucci) This is reimbursement not salary.

Statement: (Paul Armstrong) Line item out of phone

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) Do through Ron with monthly phone bill; he will put a line item on expenses.

Statement: (Paul McKeon) Set dollar amount of \$45/mos. Find out when the contract is up with Domenic's phone.

Motion to Accept

1st Daniel Rageotte 2nd Paul McKeon

Good and Welfare of the Department:

Statement: (Daniel Rageotte) Grave-markers are needed for Fireman's Sunday. He will need a credit card to order them.

Question: (Chief Peter Adam) Isn't that usually paid for by the Association?

Statement: (Daniel Rageotte) Dress uniforms used to be covered by the Association; now they're paid for by the department.

Statement: (Peter Fucci) This year 2006-2007 budget is not set up for dress uniforms; only regular work uniforms.

Question: (Chief Peter Adam) Where does the money come from for uniforms?

Answer: (Daniel Rageotte) In 2004 line item went from \$800 to \$5,000; this possibly included dress uniforms.

Answer: (Peter Fucci) Dress uniform expense comes from line item.

Question: (Peter Fucci) Back to the plaque; how many are needed, and where is money coming from? Talk with the Association first.

Answer: (Daniel Rageotte) There are no plaques left.

Statement: (Chief Peter Adam) Two were given to the Association the other day.

Statement: (Daniel Rageotte)We'll need to order more.

Request of email/phone number of Board Members to be given to District Clerk Angel Desmarais.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment

1st Paul Armstrong

2nd Paul McKeon

All in favor

Meeting closed 10:30pm

Next Meeting November 14th 2007